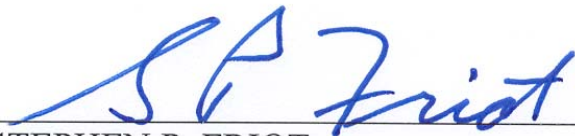


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Accordingly, having carefully considered the parties' submissions, the record, and the relevant legal authorities, plaintiff's objections to the Report and Recommendation of the magistrate judge are **DENIED**. The recommendations of the

magistrate judge are **ACCEPTED, ADOPTED**, and **AFFIRMED** in their entirety.
The Commissioner's decision denying benefits is **AFFIRMED**.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2008.



STEPHEN P. FRIOT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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